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In re Application of:
Peter V. Boesen
Application No. 10/022,022
Filed: December 13, 2001
For: VOICE COMMUNICATION DEVICE WITH
FOREIGN LANGUAGE TRANSLATION

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DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the Request to Reconsider the Decision of June 19, 2002 on the Petition To Make Special under MPEP 708.02, XI: Invention for Countering Terrorism, filed February 5, 2002.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d), and in accordance with MPEP 708.02, XI, for an invention which contributes to the countering of terrorism, must include the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i). The petition must also be accompanied by a statement explaining how the invention contributes to countering terrorism. The types of technology for countering terrorism could include, but are not limited to, systems for detecting/identifying explosives, aircraft sensors/security systems, and vehicular barricades/disabling systems.

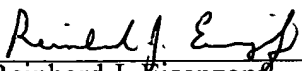
The request for reconsideration points out that the required fee for the petition to make special was paid at the time of filing of the petition received on February 5, 2002 and that a statement explaining how the invention contributes to countering terrorism was also submitted herewith.

A review of the file record shows that both the fee and statement are present. The statement submitted explaining how the invention contributes to countering terrorism is found persuasive.

Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will retain its special status throughout its entire course of prosecution in the Patent and Trademark Office, including appeal, if any to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, subject only to diligent prosecution by the applicant.

The application file will be forwarded to the examiner for expedited prosecution.


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